An Adventurous Career.

Henry Meiggs, the Peruvian Railroad Prince, died Lima on the 29th ult. In his taking off the world of romantic financial endeavor loses a hero whose record is unparalleled in the history of business effort. His life was one of glittering successes, dazzling failures, brilliant frauds, and reckless extravagance. In his character he was an anomaly. Thoroughly lacking in principle when his interests were at stake, he was at the same time honest. A close, shrewd calculator in his every action, he was also a prodigal. Destitute of any moral nature, he became a god through his lavish generosity. With all the instincts of a hard-working man, his preferences were for the every-day life of a king. Voluptuous in his tastes, A LETTER FROM GEN. LEE. he courted hardships for the pleasure he found in them. In him all extremes centered.

Born in Greene County, New York in 1811, he in early life developed a facility for conceiving and executing plans involving heavy monetary interests. The shallow streams of trade had no allurements for him. It was in the broader sea that he found water to float his gigantic schemes. Embarking in the lumber business, he matured arrangements that soon had placed him at the head of that interest fabric of his early fortunes in ruin. He pleased. In July, 1849, he landed at San Francisco with a shipload of lumber. His profit on his cargo was \$50,000. His profits in experience were millions. Taking a subordinate position in a lumber-yard, he studied the situation. San Francisco needed lumber. Contra Costa County would furnish it. He hired 500 men, and cleared \$500,000. California bowed before him, made him her model in politics and in society. When the crisis of 1854 passed over, his worshipers found him to be a forger and an exile. He might have saved himself, but in trying to save his friends he had committed crimes that drove him from the country, but he had paid every personal debt he owed.

Superinged Sortions Pollroad in Chilibara Superinged Sortions Pollroad in Chilibara Superinged Sortions Pollroad in Chilibara Sortion Sortion Pollroad in Chilibara Sortion Pollro paraiso and Santiago Railroad in Chili, a road that had ruined every contractor that had touched it. There were but 33 miles to finish and they were through solid rock. For \$12,000,000 he filled siderable number of our leading national the air with earth and stones, and in two years the road was finished. The highest honors were crowded upon him, and the Chilenos made an idol of him. Peru sought him, and he laid railroad lines but need not trouble you with it. through swamps and mountains, and storms, and earthquakes. His successes prodigal style of living. The entertain- pressed with its sentiments. He caused were scarcely commensurate with his ment he gave on the completion of one a careful copy of it to be made and careroad cost upwards of \$200,000 in gold. fully preserved it ever afterward. The He chartered steamships and extended roads to convey his guests to the banquet. The nabobs of the Republic looked upon his expensive habits with in Peru, and his table ready for guests, you during our sojourn at the West. however unexpected and however nu-

Around Lima was a dilapidated adobe wall, and beyond the wall a weary prairie of refuse. For an interest in the re- their termination have been continuously deemed land he made the waste a flow- occupied in business relating to the instituer-garden. The stable product of the tion. Republic had been revolutions. Evolution in office depended upon the financial ing me the justice to believe that my conduct condition of the "outs." When their Treasury was ruined they ousted the "ins," who retaliated when they had the defense of those principles of American expended their stealings. A stable Gov- liberty upon which the constitutions of the ernment was necessary to Meiggs's several States and of the United States were schemes. When the "outs" were impoverished he gave them what they to republican government in this country. wanted from his own means, and they left the Government intact. He in-augurated a system of bribery that par-the present posture of affairs, for the alyzed all opposition. A dangerous restoration and reconciliation of the counman was to him a merchantable article. When the combination became ties, and have recommended it to others. too strong for him he bought the Gov-

roads, for which he was to receive \$126,-060,000. These roads all led to his was in his power. I do not know what more financial Waterloo. For the first time you desire, and even if I possessed the inhe had miscalculated. They proved fluence you attribute to me, how I could exfailures, and, having absorbed the ereise it as I have. But I have no influence, market for money. His enemies seized tive part in public affairs than I have done. upon the advantage offered, and refused fined to their private business. They have to accept his bills, which became a drug. no influence in the regulation of public af-He bought the Government indorse- fairs, and whatever is done must be accomment and staggered on. His bonds fell you and your friends at the North are the only persons who can exercise a beneficial came valueless. The combination formed against him struck blow after blow at his credit. Two strokes of paralysis had weakened him, and a third found him shattered and broken. Exposures servant,

of his frauds came thick and swift. His creditors were clamorous, and the poorer were paid to the uttermost farthing. It was plain to him that his fortunes had fallen beyond retrieving, and he turned away from the cares and troubles of a life remarkable for its incongruities, its pleasures and anxieties.

He left Peru almost bankrupt through schemes urged upon her as her salvation. His death has created a financial revolution whose effects will be felt after his rails have rusted and his ties rotted away. In his life he taught a peculiar lesson of sagacity, without moral balance; of generosity, without an element of justice; of magnificent frauds built upon a foundation of fair dealing between men .- Chicago Tribune.

An Unpublished Letter of the Late Confederate General on the Reconciliation of the Country.

[From the Atlanta Constitution.]

The press of the country is just now engaged in publishing a letter, hitherto unpublished, from Gen. Robert E. Lee, written Feb. 29, 1861. It was written upon his departure from Texas to his old friend, John Twohig, the celebrated banker. In that letter Gen. Lee wrote of the occasion calling him home:

"And now, having closed my business, I will say how I felt to-day, under the circumstances, at leaving, San Antonio; especialbut for the crash of 1837, which laid the ly I am unable to see a single good that will fabric of his early fortunes in ruin. He result from the step taken by the State; but turned his eyes upon California and was as it has been permitted by a kind Providence, I hope it will eventuate in her ultimate benefit."

The far-seeing soldier feared for the results of the war, and his forebodings were almost prophetic.

In contrast with the above we desire to lay before our readers another unpublished letter of the noble Lee, written after the war, to a friend, Hon. James May, of Washington City, with whom the General had sustained the most cordial relations.

Mr. May, over a year and a half after the reception of the letter, sent it to President Johnson, with the following explanatory note:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25, 1867.—Presi-DENT JOHNSON-Sir: Herewith you have a letter I received from Gen. R. E. Lee. I The next news of him reported him do not know that the General expected me distinguished gentlemen of our country, and deem it proper that you should see it. I have been favored in the past forty years with the good will and confidence of a constatesmen, and have had for many years continuous correspondence with many of them. Please peruse the letter of Gen. L., and return it to me through your secretary. I have a copy of the letter wrote to Gen. L.,

> Your obedient servant, JAMES MAY. The letter of Gen. Lee was read by President Johnson, who was much imletter is as follows:

LETTER OF GEN. LEE.

LEXINGTON, Va., July 9, 1806.-MY DEAR SIR: I was truly glad to receive your friendly letter after so many years of silence and wonder. His wealth was unknown, but separation, and I rejoice to read in it the exalong the western coast of South pression of the same feelings of kindness America he was called Monte Christo, and friendship that characterized our interand he put the same energy into his feelings are cordially reciprocated by Mrs. work that Edmond Dantes put into his Lee and myself, and we shall never forget vengeance. His residence was the finest the numerous kind acts extended to us by

Your letter deserved and would have received an earlier answer, but when it reached me I was engaged in the annual examination exercises at Washington College, which continued over three weeks, and since

I must give you my special thanks for doduring the last five eventful years has been governed by my sense of duty. I had no other guide, nor had I any other object than originally founded, and unless they are strictly observed I fear there will be an end

I concur with you in opinion as to the protry. I have endeavored to pursue this course myself since the cessation of hostili-So far as my knowledge extends there is no opposition at the South to the General Government. Every one approves of the policy contracts for building 1,007 miles of of President Johnson, gives him his cordial support, and would, I believe, confer on him the Presidency for another term if it and do not feel at liberty to take a more ac-

I hope the long years which have passed ince we met have brought you nothing but prosperity and happiness, and that the fu-ture may give you tranquility and peace. I am, with great regard, your friend and servant. It. E. LEE.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

BOILED OATMEAL PUDDING .- Pour a quart of boiling milk over a pint of the best fine oatmeal; let it soak all night, in a cool place, else the milk might turn; next day beat an egg in and mix a little salt with it; butter a basin that will just hold it, cover it tight with a floured cloth, and boil 14 hours. Eat it with sugar; or oiled butter and salt. When cold, slice and toast it, and eat it as oatmeal cake buttered.

RICE SOUFFLE .- Pick and wash a teacupful of rice; put it into a saucepan with a pint of milk sweetened to taste, and a pod of vanilla; let the milk boil till the rice is thoroughly done. When cold, remove the stick of vanilla, and work in the yelks of 3 eggs one by one; then stir in the whites of 4 eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Pour the mixture into a plain cake-mold, put it into the oven at once, bake for about & hour, and serve in the mold with a napkin pinned round it.

LEMON PIE WITH FROSTING. -Take 1 cup of sugar, the yelks of 3 eggs, 1 cup of milk, 2 teaspoonfuls of corn-starch, the juice and grated peel of 2 lemons. Beat the yelks very light, add the sugar, rub the corn-starch in with the, milk, and add that, and then the cinnamon, and beat well together-this will make 1 pie. Line a pie-dish with a rich paste and then fill with custard, and bake. When done, take the white of 3 eggs, and beat them with a tablespoonful of sugar to a stiff froth, which spread over the top, and brown in the oven.

IRISH STEW .- Take 2 or 3 pounds of breast or neck of mutton, a dozen potatoes, and 2 onions; put the mutton into a stew-pan with barely water to cover, and a little salt; and let it stew gently for an hour; cut the meat into small pieces, skim the fat from the gravy, and pel and slice the potatoes and onions. Put all the ingredients into the stew-pan, in layers, first a layer of vegetables, then one of meat, and sprinkle seasoning of pepper and salt between each layer: cover closely, and let the whole stew very gently for 1 hour, or rather more, shaking it frequently to prevent its

APPLE COMPOTE.-Peel, core, and halve 6 large apples, trimming them so as to get them all of a size; drop them as they are done into cold water with the juice of a lemon squeezed into it, to prevent their turning brown. Have ready a strong sirup (made with a pound of sugar and 1 quart of water) boiling hot; put the apples into this, with the thin rind of a lemon and 2 or 3 cloves. As soon as they are cooked (great care must be taken that they do not break), take them out and dispose them, on a glass dish, concave side 'uppermost; place a piece of currant-jelly in the hollow of each apple, then well reduce the sirup, and, when cold, pour as much of it as is necessary under the apples.

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